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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)

Designation for the Amarillo, TX; Cairo, IL; State of Louisiana; State of North Carolina and Belmond, IA; Minnesota; New Jersey and New York Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: GIPSA is announcing the designations of Amarillo Grain Exchange, Inc.

(Amarillo); Cairo Grain Inspection Agency, Inc. (Cairo); Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (Louisiana); North Carolina Department of Agriculture (North Carolina) and D.R. Schaal Agency, Inc. (Schaal) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2016

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READ APPLICATIONS: All applications and comments are available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(c)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the August 24, 2016, and August 30, 2016, *Federal Register* (81 FR 57882 through 57885 and 59598), GIPSA requested applications for

designation to provide official services in the geographic areas presently serviced by Amarillo, Cairo, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Schaal. Applications were due by September 23, 2016, for the areas presently serviced by Amarillo, Cairo, Louisiana, and North Carolina, and September 29, 2016, for the area presently serviced by Schaal.

The current official agencies: Amarillo, Cairo, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Schaal were the only applicants for designation to provide official services in these areas. As a result, GIPSA did not ask for additional comments.

GIPSA evaluated the designation criteria in section 79(f) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that Amarillo, Cairo, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Schaal are qualified to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the *Federal Register* on August 24 and 30, 2016. This designation to provide official services in the specified areas of Amarillo, Cairo, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Schaal is effective October 1, 2016, to September 30, 2021.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting these agencies at the following telephone numbers:

Official Agency	Headquarters Location and Telephone	Designation Start	Designation End
Amarillo	Amarillo, TX.....806-372-8511	10/1/2016	9/30/2021
Cairo	Cairo, IL.....618-734-0689	10/1/2016	9/30/2021
Louisiana	Baton Rouge, LA.....225-922-1341	10/1/2016	9/30/2021
North Carolina	Raleigh, NC.....919-202-5774	10/1/2016	9/30/2021
Schaal	Belmond, IA.....641-444-3122	10/1/2016	9/30/2021

Section 79(f) of the USGSA authorizes the Secretary to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services (7 U.S.C. 79(f)).

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Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

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